

NEWS



LETTER

June, 2007

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 6. Could I remind you all that the last day for children this term will be Tuesday, 24th July.

1 FRIENDS OF HAWKES FARM

The Friends of Hawkes Farm have been very busy preparing for this year's Summer Fair. This will take place on Saturday, 16th June, 2007 (1.00-4.00pm). If you are able to help with a stall (even for 30 mins - 1 hour) please could you have your details at the main office for the attention of Melanie Izon (Chair). We look forward to seeing children, parents and friends of the school at this year's Summer Fair.

2 MUFTI -DAY - 'Summer Theme'

This term's mufti-day will support the Summer Fair fundraising events. This will take place on Friday, 15th June. Children can come along dressed in summer clothes. If children would like to take part, we ask for a contribution gift towards the tombola stall.

3 SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder of the school uniform policy is attached. It is that time of year when retailers begin to advertise 'Back to School'. Last year governors agreed to uphold the 'grey' for trousers / shorts and skirts / pinafores. PE kit is plain black shorts and a white t-shirt / polo shirt. The tops can be purchased from the school.

4 SWIMMING

Please keep updated by looking at the blackboards positioned at the Infant / Junior entrances (as well as Infant year group windows) to see when swimming will begin this term. We do apologise for the delay.

5 NEW CLASSES - SEPTEMBER, 2007

The new classes will be organised in July and the 'Open Afternoon' to meet your child's new teacher will be on Monday, 16th July - 3.30 - 5.00pm. Please do come in

during this time with your child to see where they will be next year.

Our new reception children will be visiting their new classes on the following dates:

Autumn born - Monday, 2nd July (1.30-2.30pm)

Spring born - Tuesday, 3rd July (1.30-2.30pm)

Summer born - Wednesday, 4th July (1.30-2.30pm)

6 STAFFING FOR SEPTEMBER

Staff Leaving:

- 1 Mr Peter Lowe will be taking up his new post as Head of Juniors at St Andrews School, Eastbourne from September. Congratulations once again to Mr Lowe on this promotion.
- 2 Mrs Gemma Burke - Year 5 teacher is leaving at the end of the term to spend more time with her young family. Thank you to her for all her hard work this year.
- 3 Mrs Jo Mans will be on Maternity Leave from September, 2007.

New Staff:

We have appointed our new teaching team for September. Our new appointments are:

- 1 Senior Leadership Team - Miss Melanie Bond (Team Leader Years 5 & 6 and Literacy Subject Leader). Miss Coralie Lear (Team Leader for Key Stage 1 and Numeracy Subject Leader). They will join the existing team with myself, Mr Mick Thorn, Miss Amy Graves and Mrs Dee Hughes.
- 2 In Year 6 we have appointed Mr Michael Lucchesi who will replace Mr Peter Lowe from September.
- 3 Mrs Denise van Dijkhuizen will be a full-time member of staff from September.
- 4 Mrs Paula Symonds will remain with us as a part-time teacher from September.

The class arrangements for September will be printed in the July Newsletter.

We wish Mr Lowe and Mrs Burke the very best for the future and thank them for their contribution to the school.

7 TERM-TIME HOLIDAYS / ABSENCES

May I remind all parents that any planned absence from school (with the exception of medical appointments) needs reporting to the School Office on the official form. At least 10 days notice is required for term-time holiday requests. **A reminder that we do not authorise holiday requests in term time.** Term dates are attached – please keep these safe!

8 AWARD

Once again we have been recognised for our achievements. We have achieved the Healthy Schools Award for the second time. This recognises the schools efforts to care for the well-being of each child and to promote a healthy life. Congratulations to the Healthy Schools Team led by Miss Amy Graves for their hard work in coordinating the activities throughout the school.

At Hawkes Farm we are well known for the high quality of provision for the Arts (music, art, drama and dance). We have been awarded the Artsmark Gold Award in recognition of the quality of provision and opportunities that we make available to the children. Congratulations to the Arts Team led by Mrs Michelle Harley who worked very hard to put together the evidence so that the school can celebrate its successes.

9 SCHOOL DINNERS

A reminder that school dinners are now £1.60. If your child owes dinner money, we would appreciate it being returned to the School Office as soon as possible.

10 DIARY DATES

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| Mon 11/6 | Year 6 PGL Return |
| " " | Multicultural Arts Week |
| Wed 13/6 | Parents First Aid Training 9am – 12pm |
| Tue 19/6 | 6PL visit to HCC |
| " " | Infant Sports Afternoon |
| Wed 20/6 | Parents First Aid Training 9am – 12pm |
| Thur 21/6 | Herstmonceux Cricket Tournament |
| " " | 6MB visit to HCC |
| Mon 25/6 | Year 2 Trip to Seven Sisters |
| Tue 26/6 | Junior Sports Day |
| Mon 2/7 | New Reception Visit – autumn born |
| Tues 3/7 | " " " " " " - spring born |
| Wed 4/7 | " " " " " " - summer born |
| " " | Year 5 New Playleader Training at HCC |
| " " | New Reception Parents Meeting - 7pm |
| Fri 6/7 | School Reports sent Home |
| Wed 11/7 | Year 1 Trip to Eastbourne Beach |
| Wed 18/7 | Year 6 Production - 9.30am & 6.30pm |
| Thur 19/7 | " " " " " " - 6.30pm |
| Mon 23/7 | Year 6 Leavers' Party – 6.00pm |
| Tue 24/7 | Last Day of Term 5 |
| Wed 25/7 | Inset Day |

TERM DATES

JUNE, 2007 - JULY, 2007

TERM 6 Inset - Wed, 25th July, 2007
Mon, 4th June to Wed, 25th July, 2007

SEPT, 2007 - JULY, 2008

TERM 1 Inset - Mon, 3rd September, 2007
Inset - Fri, 19th October, 2007
Mon, 3rd September to Fri, 19th October, 2007
Autumn Holiday - Mon, 22nd to Fri, 26th October, 2007

TERM 2 Inset - Fri, 21st December, 2007
Mon, 29th October to Fri, 21st December, 2007
Christmas Holiday - Mon, 24th Dec 2007 to Fri, 4th Jan, 2008

TERM 3
Mon, 7th January to Fri, 15th February, 2008
February Holiday - Mon, 18th to Fri, 22nd February, 2008

TERM 4
Mon, 25th February to Fri, 4th April, 2008
Easter Weekend - Fri, 21st to Mon, 24th March, 2008
Spring Holiday - Mon, 7th to Fri, 18th April, 2008

TERM 5
Mon, 21st April to Fri, 23rd May, 2008
May Bank Holiday - Mon, 5th May, 2008
May Holiday - Mon, 26th to Fri, 30th May, 2008

TERM 6 Inset - Mon, 2nd June &
Inset - Wed, 23rd July, 2008
Mon, 2nd June to Wed, 23rd July, 2008

SEPT, 2008 - JULY, 2009 (Inset Days to be confirmed)

TERM 1
Thur, 4th September to Fri, 24th October, 2008
Autumn Holiday - Mon, 27th to Fri, 31st October, 2008

TERM 2
Mon, 3rd November to Fri, 19th December, 2008
Christmas Holiday - Mon, 22nd Dec to Fri, 2nd Jan, 2009

TERM 3
Mon, 5th January to Fri, 13th February, 2009
February Holiday - Mon, 16th February to Fri, 20th February, 2009

TERM 4
Mon, 23rd February to Fri, 3rd April, 2009
Spring Holiday - Mon, 6th April to Fri, 17th April, 2009

TERM 5
Mon, 20th April to Fri, 22nd May, 2009
May Bank Holiday - Mon, 4th May, 2009

TERM 6
Mon, 1st June to Wed, 22nd July, 2009

11 UNIFORM

All pupils are expected to wear school uniform. The school colours are bottle-green and white and the uniform consists of the following:-

- Girls: Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers, white or green blouse/polo shirt, green cardigan/sweatshirt and/or fleece.

- Boys: Grey shorts/trousers, white or green shirt or polo shirt, green pullover/sweatshirt and/or fleece. (Most of these items are obtainable from multiple chain stores.)

Jeans, ski pants, leggings and cropped trousers are not considered suitable school wear! Skirts should be approximately knee length.

Footwear must be black in colour, suitable and safe. Shoes with anything other than flat heels are not permitted. (Plain, all black trainers below the ankle are permitted.)

School sweatshirts in bottle-green with the school badge embroidered on are available from the school from £8.00. Cardigans are also available priced from £9.50 and green or white polo shirts with the school badge embroidered cost £7.00. Bottle-Green fleeces are £10.00.

FOR PE: For reasons of both hygiene and safety all children are expected to change clothing for PE and games. All children require:- Black PE shorts, plimsolls, and a school polo or **plain** white T-shirt (white T-shirts with the school badge printed on the front are available from the school, priced £3.50 and may be worn for PE and Games.)

FOR WINTER GAMES - (Years 3 to 6 only): Tracksuit and boots / trainers. (These items need not, of course, be exactly as stated, but a change of clothing is essential for outdoor games.)

SWIMMING takes place during the summer months. All swimwear should be one piece and all children are required to wear swimming hats.

BAGS:

Our cloakroom space is very limited. We therefore ask that all PE/Games clothing is brought in a drawstring bag which can be hung from a peg. (These are available from the school priced £3.00). Large holdall bags are not permitted. Cloakrooms should be cleared every Friday so that kit can be washed.

ALL CLOTHING SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED PLEASE.

If an item of clothing is lost, please check lost property boxes in the first instance. We are constantly amazed by the vast quantity of property which is never claimed. Lost property is displayed at the end of each term.

Jewellery may not be worn in school. The only exceptions are watches, and studs for pierced ears.

May I take this opportunity to thank you once again for your support throughout the year.

Mrs V Cobb - Headteacher

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Summer Fete - Saturday 16th June

Thanks to all those who have offered their help to support our biggest fund-raising event of the year. We truly appreciate your volunteering.

We would love to see everyone attend our event. We have tug of war and giant slide inflatables, plants, The Body Shop, Freedom Leisure and a mini ten pin bowling game with lots of freebies, freshly picked strawberries and games and tombolas to amuse children and parents alike! The display ring, will have the children showing off their skills at dancing, judo and playing the cello.

Don't forget your flower pot donation, at least 3 prizes are on offer for best entries. If you are able to donate any contribution towards our raffle or tombola displays, or homemade cakes and biscuits or good quality toys, CDs, Videos and books for our other stalls, this would be gratefully received. Could you drop off your items via the school office from Monday 11th June.

We are still raising funds for the school's ICT. Government fundings are not enough to complete the second ICT suite that the school have started to build. Our funds are needed for the completions.

Please sell, sell, sell and return your raffle tickets. Lots of brilliant prizes are to be had - the list is never-ending; the more you can sell the more we can raise for the school

Tuesday 26th June - Refreshments at lunchtime for Juniors' Sport day

Recycling of mobiles and printer cartridges - Please keep on bringing in your empty/broken and unwanted items into school and dropping them off into the recycling boxes provided at the main entrance. Your old stuff recycled is worth pounds to support our school!

Yellow Moon catalogues - purchases can be made at any time up until August. Order from it now or keep it close by for when you might like to have a browse. Up to 25% cash back from the Yellow Moon Company is given towards fundraising at our school! If you have mislaid your copy, there are spares available from the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Melanie Izon - Chairperson